(b) Commanders at all levels have been instructed to be more sensitive to the tasks being assigned to the lady officers with special focus on (i) providing an honourable working environment (ii) being sensitive to the constraints faced by lady officers in performing certain specified tasks and (iii) keeping in mind displayed aptitudes while assigning non-core duties.

(c) Women officers are provided with separate living accommodation in the Officers Mess.

(d) Adequate grievance redressal mechanism has been put in place to address complaints of sexual harassment and other complaints of lady officers.

(e) Women officers are free to approach their Commanding Officers/ Supervisors at any time to discuss their personal/official problems and seek immediate assistance.

Terrorists hiding in Bangladesh

1110. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the officials of Bangladesh Government who participated in the 2-day Indo-Bangladesh Home Secretary level meeting in New Delhi on the 3rd August, 2007 confirmed that the key operatives of outlawed ULFA outfit have been hiding in Bangladesh;

(b) if so, the details of the confirmation made by Bangladesh officials indicating whether any promise about apprehending them and externing to India made;

(c) whether any concrete joint action plan has been drawn with Bangladesh for flushing out the terrorists and insurgents engaged in anti-India activities, particularly in the North-Eastern India, using the neighbouring territory as hide-outs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) During talks held on 2-3 August, 2007, in response to the security concerns raised by Indian side, the Bangladesh side reiterated its principled position that it does not and would not allow its territory to be used by elements inimical to the interests of India.

(b) Both sides agreed to initiate swift action on information received about groups and elements and other fugitives from the law of either country taking shelter in the other country.

(c) and (d) Both sides agreed with the necessity of real time exchange of actionable information between the security agencies of the two countries, in addition to the existing mechanisms of information sharing between the BSF and BDR. The modalities of designation of nodal points would be decided separately by mutual consultations.